

ELEC Webinar Swiss-EU Relations

April 7, 2022 3-5 pm

The purpose of the ELEC Webinar is to broaden the understanding in Member States of the difficulties and challenges in Swiss EU relations. *La Suisse en Europe* has been at the forefront in supporting the institutional framework agreement the event seeks to generate support for its main substantive elements to be taken up in a new format under dramatically changing geopolitical conditions. The [ASE Road Map](#) published on December 22, 2021 offers short-term, medium-term and long term perspectives. The webinar discusses salient issues of disagreement, in particular dispute settlement and the role of social rights in free movement of persons, also taking into account the experience in the EEA. We hope that by this time the Swiss Government will have published its agenda for negotiations and proposals made can be discussed from the angle of the EU, the Swiss Government and Swiss Civil Society.

The webinar will consist of five speakers on the panel, each making an introductory statement of 10 minutes, followed by a topical discussion.

Chair: Javier Arias, President of the European League of Economic Cooperation, ELEC

Moderation and Introduction: Thomas Cottier, President of La Suisse en Europe and ELEC Switzerland

Panel:

Petros Mavromichalis, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the EU to Switzerland and Lichtenstein

Patric Franzen, Ambassador, Deputy Secretary of State, Swiss Department of Foreign Affairs (tbc)
Representative of EU Commission (tbc)

Corneliu Hödlmayr, Legal Service of the Commission

Erik Førner, Ambassador, Ambassador of Norway to Switzerland

Jean-Daniel Gerber, former Secretary of State, Chair, Groupe de Réflexion, Platform CH-EU

Q+A and discussions will follow each intervention to the point, and end with a general debate among participants.

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